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Conservationist is honored by town

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DUXBURY — The selectmen awarded Kay Foster the 1999 "Conservationist of the Year" award at their meeting last night.

The award recognizes individuals in town who have dedicated themselves to local conservation efforts.

"Kay has been serving the open space in our town for more than 20 years, and we wanted to recognize the fine work that she has done and her ability to bring so many people together," said Holly Morris of the open space and recreation planning committee.

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Foster received an engraved silver bowl and a framed proclamation, signed by members of the board and the town clerk, detailing her conservation efforts.

"The town is grateful to Kay for her many contributions, for her commitment to the preservation of our natural resources and the character of our town, and for her enthusiasm for educating others so that future generations will enjoy the quality of life that we cherish today," the proclamation says.

Foster wrote Duxbury's first open-space plan and has served on the conservation commission, the open space and recreation planning committee, the North Hill study committee, the beach committee and as a trustee and director of the Duxbury Beach Reservation Inc.

She also founded the Duxbury Friends of Conservation, which helped secure 373 acres of conservation land, including the Camp Wing purchase, at a 1998 special town meeting.

"She's a person that just is enthusiastic about environmental protection, and she puts that in community

action," said Pat Loring, the chairman of the open space committee.

In receiving the award, Foster said that Duxbury "is a wonderful town to live in, and it brings with it an obligation to keep it nice. I thank everyone, and I accept the honor on behalf of everyone who have made all these wonderful things possible."

Loring said that Foster's recognition is well-deserved.

"Duxbury has a long history of a conservation ethic, and there's never been any acknowledgment of some of the people who have worked for years to make Duxbury such a beautiful place to live," Loring said.